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(Docket No. 408870)

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In re the Application of:

Bartholf et al.

Serial No.: 09/782,444

Filed: February 13, 2001

For: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM HAVING  
DELIVERY CATHETER MEMBER WITH A  
CLEAR TRANSITION ZONE

Art Unit: 3738

Examiner B. Snow

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-16

Please add the following new claims:

22. A medical device delivery system for a self-expanding stent comprising:

an outer sheath comprising an elongated tubular body member and a distal  
section;

said sheath comprising an inner layer having braiding disposed thereon, and a  
coating applied over and bonded to the braiding with the coating of said distal section  
formed from a light transmissive material;

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